# BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 31, 2001

IN RE:	)	
PETITION OF ON-SITE SYSTEMS, INC.	)	DOCKET NO
TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF	)	01-00229
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	)	

## ORDER APPROVING PETITION OF ON-SITE SYSTEMS, INC. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on July 24, 2001, to consider the Petition (the "Petition") of On-Site Systems, Inc. ("On-Site") to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") to expand its service area to include a portion of Stewart County, Tennessee.

#### **Legal Standard for Granting CCN**

On-Site's Petition was made pursuant to and was considered in light of the criteria for granting a CCN as set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201, which provides, in pertinent part:

(a) No public utility shall establish or begin the construction of, or operate any line, plant, or system, or route in or into a municipality or other territory already receiving a like service from another public utility, or establish service therein, without first having obtained from the authority, after written application and hearing, a certificate that the present or future public convenience and necessity require or will require such construction, establishment, and operation, and no person or corporation not at the time a public utility shall commence the construction of any plant, line, system or route to be operated as a public utility, or the operation of which would constitute the same, or the owner or operator thereof, a public utility as defined by law, without having first obtained, in like manner, a similar certificate...

#### **Background**

On April 4, 1994, On-Site received a CCN in Docket No. 93-09040 from the Tennessee Public Service Commission to provide wastewater service to the Oakwood Subdivision in Maury County. Since that time, through various other dockets, On-Site has been granted approval to expand its service territory to include other areas in Tennessee.

#### **Petition to Amend CCN**

On March 9, 2001, On-Site filed its Petition to amend its CCN to expand its service area to include all of Stewart County east of the Cumberland River. A map showing the area to which On-Site proposes to extend service is attached to its Petition. In its Petition, On-Site states that there is a need for wastewater service in this area and cites a new Stewart County High School, businesses along Highway 76, and other development. With its Petition, On-Site submitted a letter dated February 28, 2001 from Paul Page, Chairman of the North Stewart Utility District, stating that the Utility District has no plans to provide wastewater services to the above-described area. In addition, On-Site submitted a letter dated February 28, 2001 from Stewart County Executive David G. Wallace stating that Stewart County does not plan to provide wastewater service to such area.

On-Site filed a rate schedule in this docket which states that residential rates for the Stewart Co. will be as follows:

Total monthly charge	
Non-payment fee 5	5% of monthly charge
Disconnection fee \$	810
Reconnection fee	515
Returned check fee	\$20
Access fee	\$84/year

This rate schedule comports with the rate schedule for On-Site approved by the Authority in Docket No. 99-00393 on January 11, 2000. In addition, On-Site filed rate schedules for commercial customers which comport with the rate adjustment for commercial customers

approved by the Authority in Docket No. 00-01128.

On July 24, 2001, On-Site's Petition came before the Authority at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference. Upon consideration of the Petition and the entire record, the Authority finds that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the approval of On-Site's Petition. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201, the Authority grants On-Site's Petition.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Petition of On-Site Systems, Inc. to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to expand its service area to include all of Stewart County east of the Cumberland River, as shown in the map attached to the Petition, is approved;
- 2. On-Site's rates for wastewater service to the above-described area shall be as listed in the rate schedules filed with On-Site's Petition and as set forth in this Order; and
- 3. Any party aggrieved with the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order.

Sara Kyle, Chairman

Lynn Greer, Jr., Directo

Jelvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:

K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Order Approving Amendment of On-Site Systems, Inc.'s Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Franchise, and Commercial Rate Adjustment, Docket No. 00-01128 (October 23, 2001).